



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

CESAD-PDS-P

11 January 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Wilmington District, ATTN: CESA-W-TS-PF

SUBJECT: Approval of Flood Risk Management Planning Center of Expertise, Review of Peer Review Plan (PRP) for the Town of Princeville Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study, Wilmington District.

1. References:

a. Memorandum, CESA-W-TS-PF, 16 October 2007, Subject: Approval of Flood Risk Management Planning Center of Expertise, Review of Peer Review Plan (PRP) for the Town of Princeville Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study, Wilmington District.

b. EC 1105-2-408 Peer Review of Decision Documents, 31 May 2005.

c. Memorandum, CECW-CP, 30 March 2007, subject: Peer Review Process.

d. Supplemental information for the "Peer Review Process" Memo, dated March 2007.

2. In accordance with EC 1105-2-408, "Peer Review of Decision Documents," the PRP for the Town of Princeville Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study has been coordinated and developed with the FRM-PCX. The plan as prepared has been reviewed by this office and is approved.

3. We concur with the conclusion that external peer review of this project will be necessary only for the Other Social Effects and Flood Modeling elements of the project. This is due to the following reasons: The "Other Social Effects" aspect of the project would involve unusually significant social effects to the nation, given the unique social and cultural aspects of the community. "Flood Modeling" is controversial in that it is the primary determinant of predicted effects of the project for Princeville, Tarboro, and surrounding areas, and it dictates the design of the final set of alternatives. The PRP complies with all applicable policy and provides for adequate independent technical review of the plan formulation, engineering, and environmental analyses, and other aspects of the plan development.

4. The district should take steps to post the PRP to its web site and provide a link to the FRM-PCX for their use. Before posting to the web site the names of Corps/Army employees should be removed in accordance with reference 1.d. above.

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5. The SAD point of contact is Mr. Wilbert Paynes, CESAD-PDS-P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis W. Barnett".

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